

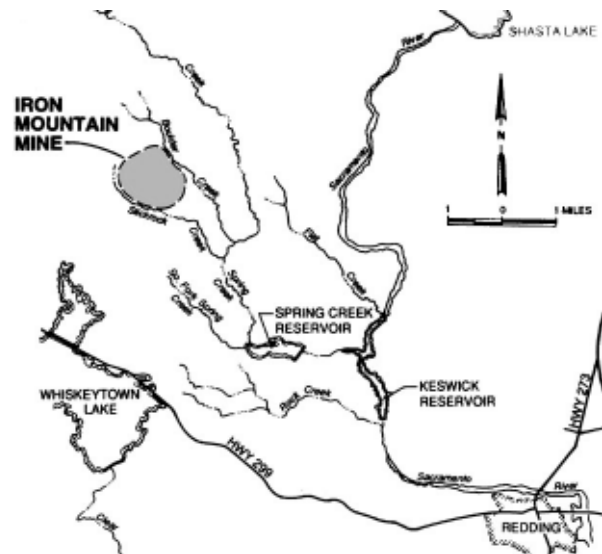


Iron Mountain Mine Superfund Site

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EPA Conducts Five Year Review of Cleanup

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is reviewing the ongoing cleanup action at the Iron Mountain Mine Superfund site near Redding, California. This review is conducted every five years to ensure that the cleanup continues to perform as designed and to protect human health and the environment. This fact sheet explains the purpose of the five-year review and how you can become involved in the review process. In addition, a brief history and update of cleanup activities is provided.



Location of the Iron Mountain Mine Superfund Site

FIVE-YEAR REVIEW

Under the Superfund law, an ongoing cleanup must be reviewed every five years to assess the performance and protectiveness of the cleanup actions that have been implemented. During the review, the EPA studies and inspects the site. The results are then documented in the Five-year Review report. The Five-year Review report can include: site background and history, an explanation of the cleanup measures in place, a discussion of relevant documents and laws, and a description of how the community will be notified about the review.

Most importantly, a statement of protectiveness is issued. This statement explains whether the cleanup remedies are operating as designed and also recommends improvements where needed to ensure that the cleanup continues to be effective. We expect to complete the five-year review by September 30, 2003.

HOW YOU CAN BECOME INVOLVED

Community members can call our toll-free message line at (800) 231-3075 to let us know that they are interested in participating in the review process. The public is invited to contribute their knowledge and observations of the performance of the cleanup or any issues and concerns about the cleanup. Upon completion, the five-year report will be available for public review at the site's information repositories (see back page for locations), and EPA will publish a notice in the local newspaper, the *Redding Record Searchlight*.

UPDATE ON CLEANUP ACTIVITIES

In September 1997, EPA approved the fourth Record of Decision (ROD) for the site. This ROD authorized the collection and treatment of the acid mine drainage discharges from the area sources in the Slickrock Creek watershed at Iron Mountain. The designs for all of the components of the remedy have been completed and their construction is well underway. Construction is expected to be completed by December 2003.

Other Cleanup Activities

EPA has completed or is currently constructing several significant upgrades to components of the remedy so that all perform reliably and cost-effectively over the long-term. These projects include the expansion of the landfill for disposal of treatment plant sludge, rehabilitation of the acid mine drainage collection system in the underground mine workings, and other projects that have a combined cost of approximately \$7 million.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

The repositories for the Iron Mountain Mine Administrative Record are:

Shasta County Library

1855 Shasta St.
Redding, CA 96002
(916) 225-5756

EPA Records Center

95 Hawthorne St., Suite 403S
San Francisco, CA 94105
(415) 536-2000

Visit **EPA's Web site** at www.epa.gov/region09/waste/sfund/index.html

You can also contact:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street (SFD-3), San Francisco, CA 94105

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